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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet  
United States District Court  
844 King Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: *Mark S. Merado v. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-71 (GMS)  
*Neil Lefton v. AstraZeneca AB, et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-73 (GMS)  
*Mary Anne Gross v. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP, et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-81 (GMS)  
*Int'l Assoc. of Firefighters Local 22 Health & Welfare Fund v.*  
*AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP., et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-83 (GMS)  
*A.F. of L. AGC Building Trades Welfare Plan, et al. v.*  
*AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP., et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-86 (GMS)  
*United Union of Roofers, et al. v. AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals,*  
*LP., et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-93 (GMS)  
*Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 572 Pension Fund v.*  
*AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, LP., et al.*,  
C.A. No. 06-102 (UNA)

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Dear Judge Sleet:

Yesterday we filed with the Court a proposed Case Management Order to consolidate the proceedings in three direct purchaser class actions concerning defendants' Toprol-XL product. (C.A. Nos. 06-52 (GMS), 06-63 (GMS), and 06-79 (GMS)). In addition, there are seven other related class actions (set forth above) involving indirect purchasers of Toprol-XL. This is to advise the Court that defendants intend to negotiate and propose to the Court a further Case Management Order to address these related cases as well. Defendants may

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request the Court to consolidate or coordinate the direct and indirect purchaser actions. Plaintiffs in the three direct purchaser class actions have reserved the right to object to such a request.

Respectfully,

  
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